

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

TYRONE MCDOUGALD,

Case No. 2:20-cv-00975-GMN-EJY

Plaintiff

ORDER

v.

MICHAEL SIMMONS et al.,

Defendants

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a formerly incarcerated person. On July 9, 2021, this Court issued an order directing Plaintiff to file his updated address with this Court by August 6, 2021. (ECF No. 7). The deadline has now expired, and Plaintiff has not filed his updated address or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case. *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party's failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (affirming dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (affirming dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (affirming dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (affirming dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (affirming dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1) the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to

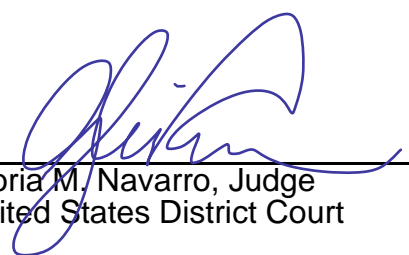
1 manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring  
2 disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.  
3 See *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at  
4 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

5 Here, the Court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in expeditiously  
6 resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket, weigh in favor of  
7 dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of  
8 dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay  
9 in filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. See *Anderson v. Air*  
10 *West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor—public policy favoring  
11 disposition of cases on their merits—is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of  
12 dismissal discussed herein. Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey  
13 the court's order will result in dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives"  
14 requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779  
15 F.2d at 1424. The Court's order requiring Plaintiff to file his updated address with the  
16 Court by August 6, 2021, expressly stated: "IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff's  
17 failure to comply with this Order will result in a recommendation to dismiss this case  
18 without prejudice." (ECF No. 7). Thus, Plaintiff had adequate warning that dismissal  
19 would result from his noncompliance with the Court's order to file his updated address by  
20 August 6, 2021.

21 It is therefore ordered that this action is dismissed without prejudice based on  
22 Plaintiff's failure to file an updated address in compliance with this Court's July 9, 2021,  
23 order.

24 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court will close the case and enter judgment  
25 accordingly.

26 DATED THIS 12 day of August 2021.

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Gloria M. Navarro, Judge  
United States District Court